



REMARKS

By this Amendment claim 1 has been corrected with respect to its terminology and claims 14 and 15 have been amended to more concisely define the invention. Claim 19 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Entry is requested.

The examiner's allowance of claims 1-13 and 16-20 is noted with appreciation.

The examiner has rejected claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reback et al.

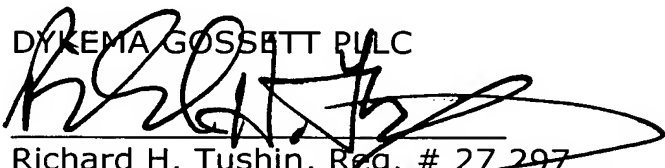
This rejection must now be withdrawn. Reback et al. disclose a stackable post holder which includes a base support 10 with attachment means (thumb screws) 16 extending therethrough. Fig. 7 depicts two such post holders stacked on one another. Attachment means 16' of the lower post holder 10' fits within the higher post holder 10. The attachment means 16, 16' cannot be considered upper and lower positioning means extending through opposite sides of a (single) casing as defined in applicant's claim 14.

The examiner's prior art rejection should be withdrawn and all of claims 1-20 allowed.

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